

# GHOSTS NOTORIOUSLY STRANGELY BEHAVING

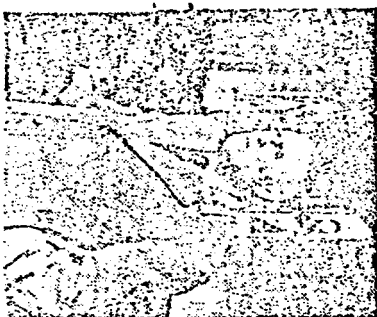
## Shadowy Figures of His Ancestors Vanish Into Burial Vault Wall

By ARTHUR GOLDEN  
Ghosts haunting a country mansion have terrified three Britons, one of whom claims to have seen shadowy figures of his ancestors disappearing into the stone walls of a burial vault.

"Before my home became the focal point of a haunting, I had never taken the idea of ghosts seriously," declared Sir Walter Bromley-Davenport, a former member of Parliament.

"Now I know better. To my horror, I know ghosts exist." And, said a clergyman who exercised the speakers: "I have absolutely no doubt that this was a genuine haunting on a major scale."

The chilling episodes unfolded at the huge Capeshome Hall mansion at Macclesfield in northwest England. Sir Walter's family has owned the



FORMER MP Sir Walter Bromley-Davenport in familiarly saw above where ghosts vanished into wall.

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home for more than 250 years. Sir Walter, 72, said the incident first came to his attention in 1951 when his son William, then a teenager, reported seeing a disembodied arm rattling a third-floor bedroom window from the outside.

In fact, Sir Walter said, he later learned that the arm had been seen 30 years earlier by the children of an employe from that same bedroom.

In 1970, Sir Walter continued, he was approaching his wife and a houseguest "when suddenly a woman wearing a long coarse gray dress walked around a corner, walked between them and entered a room to their left.

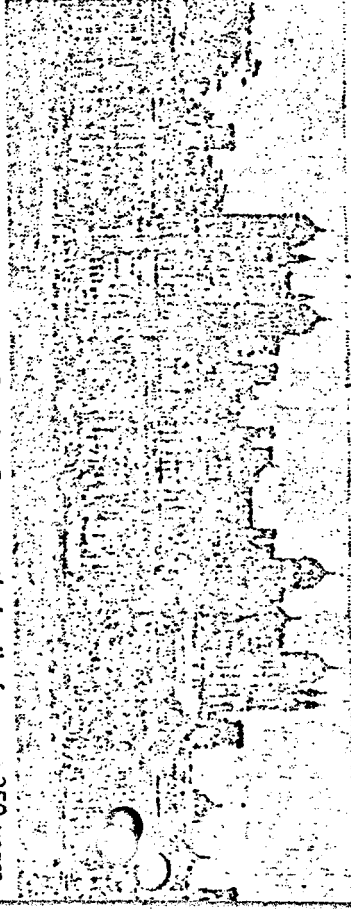
"When I reached my wife and guest, I asked: 'Who was that?' But they had seen no one. I realized then that I had seen a ghost."

The guest was Sir Charles Taylor, also an ex-member of Parliament. One night during his visit, Sir Charles said, he was climbing the main staircase "when I heard the rustling of what sounded like a long silk dress. I looked over the balcony and saw a woman walking in a long gown.

"I called to her but she kept on walking. She rounded a corner ahead of me and then just disappeared into thin air.

"I told Sir Charles the following day. My description tallied exactly with that of the figure he had seen walk between his wife and me."

Another former member of Parliament, Sir Guy Lloyd, told of staying in a ground-



MANSION owned by Sir Walter Bromley-Davenport's family for over 250 years.

floor bedroom in 1971 "when suddenly a heavy oak door swung open. There was no breeze and nobody in the corridor."

"He got out of bed and shut the door. 'But no sooner was I back in bed than the door burst open again. Then I jumped it shut with heels. It would have taken a turn of the handle and a really heavy shove to have opened it. But about 10 minutes later it did open, just like before."

According to Sir Walter, the

most frightening scene occurred on a Saturday night in 1973. He had entered a small church on the mansion grounds to check on preparations for the next day's services.

"Suddenly I saw what seemed to be the shadow of a man rush from the vestry toward a wall under the family pew and just melt into the stonework. I was petrified. One after the other, more shadows walked from the vestry to the wall and disappeared into the stone.

"Then there were about 16 of them. They stopped. The faintest light came from the stone wall. I'm not overly imaginative now, what else can I think? They must have been the ghosts of my ancestors."

The Rev. Shilstone Dainton of nearby Monk's Church, said the ghosts had to rest only after he and another clergyman entered the rooms of the church on five occasions.

**Summers Are Hotter in Odd-Numbered Years, 50-Year Study Shows**

By some quirk of nature, summers tend to be hotter than average in odd-numbered years and cooler than average in even-numbered years, according to an intensive scientific study of July temperatures conducted over a 60-year period.

After comparing July weather from the years 1911

through 1970, two British geophysicists report: "The results show a highly significant 2-year pulse is occurring in the July temperature. The main characteristic of the pulse during the past 60 years is the occurrence of warm Julys in odd years and cool Julys in even years."

University of Reading scientists A.L. Gordon and Wells also looked at centuries dating back to 1721 although they couldn't put up with a reason, they said that the hot-odd, cool-even pattern has held good for past 250 years, though long-term differences were as striking as they have in this century.

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